GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:95
ANSWERED ON:09.03.2005
NATIONAL BLINDNESS ERADICATION PROGRAMME
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has reviewed the National Blindness Eradication Programme in every State;

(b) if so, the performance of each State in the National Blindness Eradication Programme during the last three years;

(c) whether the Programme has not been able to achieve its desired result in some States;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) the details of projects under NBEP commissioned with the help of WHO in India, State-wise;

(f) whether the Government has established monitoring cell for the evaluation of the projects; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS)

(a)to(g): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 95 FOR 9TH MARCH, 2005

(a)&(b) Yes, Sir. State-wise performance report is given at Annexure-I.

(c)&(d): Yes, Sir, some of the States, like Assam, Bihar, Jharkhand and Arunachal Pradesh have not been able to achieve the targets set on account of inadequate infrastructure and lack of trained manpower.

(e) Under National Programme for Control of Blindness, WHO assisted activities are given at Annexure-II.

(f)&(g): Yes, Sir. State Ophthalmic Cells are established in all the States and UTs to monitor the programme.

Annexure-1

National Programme for Control of Blindness Performance of Cataract Surgery

Sl.No.	State	2002-2003		2003-2004		2004-2005#	
		Target	Achv.	Target	Achv.	Target	Achv.
	MAIOR STATES						
1	ANDHRA PRADESH	350000	404002	350000	443091	400000	373916
2	BIHAR	140000	63927	140000	87876	100000	7343
3	CHHATITISGARH	80000	56451	80000	64196	80000	59118
4	GOA	7000	5294	7000	5497	7000	1250
5	GUJARAT	400000	436740	400000	449234	450000	269230
6	HARYANA	110000	90665	110000	104375	110000	33116
7	HIMACHALPRADESH	16000	16226	16000	18343	16000	8769
8	JAMMU & KASHMIR	13000	11553	13000	10712	13000	7663
9	JHARKHAND	70000	29544	70000	28054	70000	0
10	KARNATAKA	220000	244699	220000	263613	250000	191183
11	KERALA	90000	83345	90000	79696	100000	45231

12	MADHYA PRADESH	240000	224049	240000	233870	250000	131467
13	MAHARASHTRA	420000	480356	420000	519561	500000	424281
14	ORISSA	130000	81619	130000	82652	130000	64821
15	PUNJAB	160000	122670	160000	133376	160000	63386
16	RAJASTHAN	220000	188747	220000	226829	230000	180103
17	TAMIL NADU	400000	371559	400000	452650	440000	290640
18	UTTAR PRADESH	450000	551516	450000	567718	450000	325660
19	UTTRANCHAL	100000	34703	100000	37105	60000	28476
20	WEST BENGAL	220000	233382	220000	249895	220000	119079
	TOTAL	3836000	3731047	3836000	4058343	4036000	2624732
	NORTH EASTERN STATES						
1	ARUNACHAL PRADESH	1000	532	1000	664	1000	507
2	ASSAM	45000	20889	45000	23063	45000	9809
3	MANIPUR	2000	722	2000	553	2000	538
4	MEGHALAYA	2000	824	2000	1283	2000	184
5	MIZORAM	800	733	800	796	800	531
6	NAGALAND	500	400	500	429	500	291
7	SIKKIM	1000	376	1000	253	1000	170
8	TRIPURA	8000	8270	8000	8098	8000	3439
	TOTAL	60300	32746	60300	35139	60300	15469
	UTs						
1	ANDAMAN & NICOBAR	500	530	500	693	500	625
2	CHANDIGARH	5500	5560	5500	6320	5500	4461
3	DADRA & NAGAR HAVELI	330	500	330	250	330	2
4	DAMAN & DIU	350	372	350	372	350	273
5	DELHI	80000	73391	80000	79994	80000	42477
6	MKSHADWEEP	20	8	20	87	20	1
7	PONDICHERRY	7000	7397	7000	9969	7000	2310
	TOTAL	93700	87758	93700	97685	93700	50149
	E.S.I. A.F.,C.R.	10000	5582	10000	6442	10000	3899
	GRAND TOTAL	4000000	3857133	4000000	4197609	4200000	2694249

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ANNEXURE-II

WHO ASSISTANCE FOR PREVENTION OF BLINDNESS: IMPORTANT ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN WITH WHO ASSISTANCE INCLUDE:-

- Intra-country Fellowships in Corneal Transplantation, Vitreo-Retinal Surgery, Lasers in Opthalmology and Pediatric Opthalmology;

- Pilot Survey on childhood blindness in Delhi
- High quality workshops in Eye Care for Faculty of Medical Colleges;
- Development of Plan of Action for "Vision 2020: The Right to Sight" initiative
- Training in District Programme Management
- Study on Situational Analysis of Eye Care Infrastructure & Human Resources in India.